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underlined material is to be inserted, [bracketed] material is to be deleted, and --material set off by dashes-- is to be added.

Claims:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for processing an elastomeric article, comprising:
an enclosure having a gas-filled interior and an access port with a non-hermetic gland seal therein sized so that a person wearing the elastomeric article may insert a hand and an arm through the gland to position the elastomeric article at an article support location;

[a support that supports the elastomeric article within the enclosure at an article support location;]

a source of [a] an ionized gaseous cleaning agent operable to [introduce] produce an ionized gaseous flow of the gaseous cleaning agent [into the interior of the enclosure to flow] that flows past the article support location and [to contact] contacts the elastomeric article, the ionized gaseous cleaning agent being operable to dislodge a particulate contaminant from the elastomeric article and entrain the particulate contaminant in the gaseous flow as it passes by the elastomeric article; and

an exhaust port positioned to receive the gaseous flow after it has passed by the elastomeric article.

Cancel claim 3, without prejudice.

5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elastomeric article is a glove[, and the support comprises

a rest upon which a person wearing the glove rests the arm so that the glove is

positioned at the article support location].

--22. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the source of the ionized gaseous cleaning agent comprises:

a source of a vaporized cleaning material, and

a plasma source operable to ionize the vaporized cleaning material.--